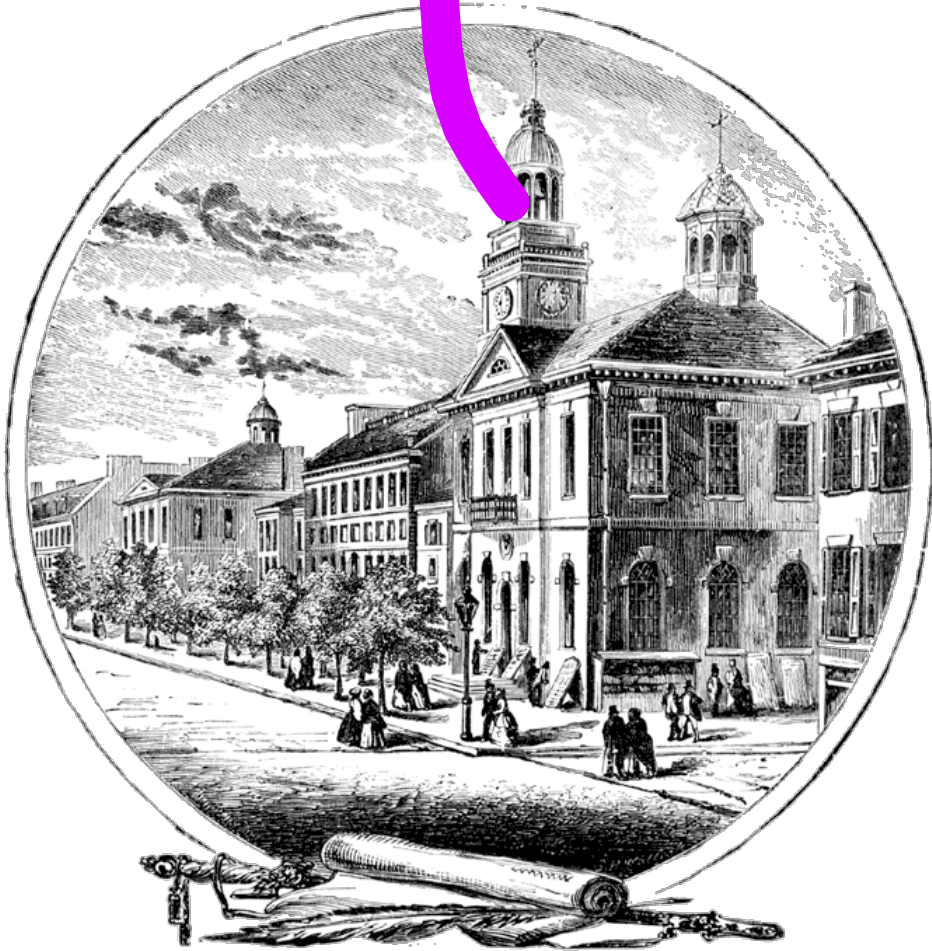
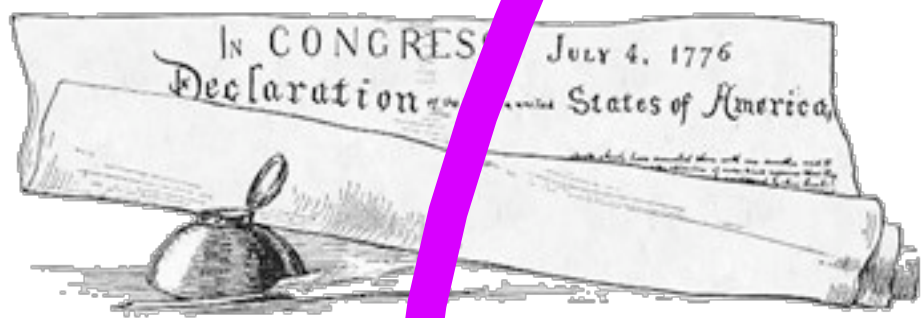


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Below, use one of these ideas to share what you know about the Declaration of Independence:

Journal Prompts:

- Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* had a tremendous impact on colonial society. In your lifetime, what book has had the greatest impact on American society? Explain.
- Using present-day terms and phrases, rewrite the main passages of the Declaration of Independence.

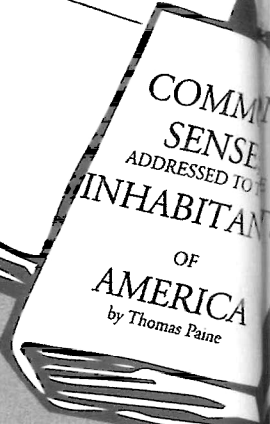
Concept Maps:

- Develop a concept map that includes the following words: Articles of Confederation, *Common Sense*, Declaration of Independence, Olive Branch Petition (and more).
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Use your book to complete notes on the artifacts below.

12.2
Invitation to the Second Continental Congress
 Begins on May _____
 Come join us in the fair city of _____
For the purposes of
 1. Preparing to fight a war against _____
 2. Appointing a general to lead the _____
 3. And perhaps to declare _____ from the mother country

12.3
Common Sense
 Written by Thomas Paine
 January 1776
 *He used simple words everyone could understand!
 Fellow colonists! You should read this booklet because it's common sense that we should be independent from Great Britain!



12.4
A letter to my wife
 Dear Wife,
 My esteemed colleagues at the Second Continental Congress have asked me to write _____
 I'm only _____ years old. Certainly there are men more talented than I _____
 I'll be writing with my portable desk in this hotel in _____ I'll show a draft of the document to _____ and _____
 We should sign it some time early in the month of _____
 Your loving husband,

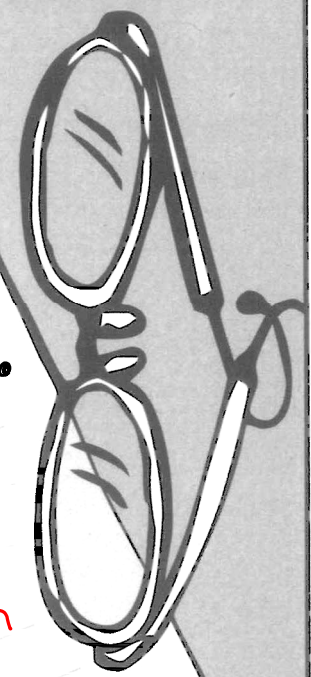
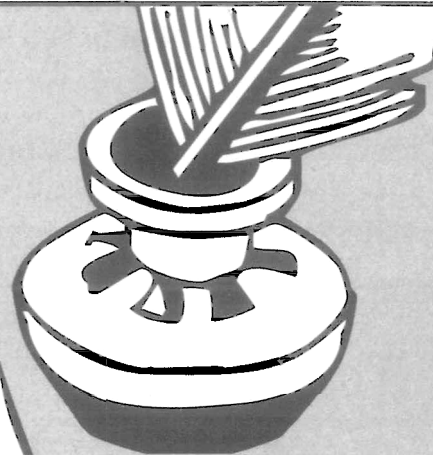
12.5 **Deadline!!!!**
Signing the Declaration of Independence
 July __, 1776
 Delegates of the _____ will sign the _____
 On this day we will commit _____ a crime punishable by death.
 Arrange to quickly send copies of the document to _____ the _____ governments and _____



In the space below, rewrite the five excerpts of the Declaration of Independence in simpler language.

The Declaration of Independence ^(12.5)

- 1 We are writing this because we want to stop our relationship with Britain and here is why...
- 2 Everyone is equal. We have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- 3 To protect the rights Governments are made. When the government acts unfairly we have the right to change it.
- 4 King George III is acting unfairly. To prove it here are our reasons...
- 5 We are declaring our freedom from Great Britain Forever. ...



July 1776

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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PROCESSING 12

Create a historical plaque for Thomas Jefferson's desk. The plaque should include

- dramatic language to explain the historical importance of the desk
- how old Jefferson was when he wrote the Declaration of Independence and how long it took him to write the first draft.
- challenges Jefferson faced when he wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- items that might have been on his desk while he wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- a simple sketch of the desk.

